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The Voice

Algona High School

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And the winner is...

Sierra Wegener

Last week, September 27th through October 1st, was Homecoming week for Algona High School. The theme for Homecoming this year was "Combine the Cubs."

Throughout the week, the students dressed up according to the day's dress days. They also competed with each other to see who would win best dressed for each day.

Monday was PJ Day and the best dressed winner was Brittany Vaske. Then on Tuesday it was Farmer Day. Abby Smith, Clay Collison, and Ben Larson all tied for best dressed. The next day was Wednesday and 80's Day. Best dressed was won by Rachel Renger, Casey Hiscocks, and Allie Simpson. Thursday was dress up day because of pictures at AHS. Friday was Red and Black Day but the students didn't compete for the best dressed. Elisabeth Hoch said, "The dress up days were cool."

On Wednesday night, the Powderpuff Football and Muscle Volleyball took place. The boys brought the excitement with the Muscle Volleyball starting at 6:30 p.m. The seniors dominated the juniors in the championship game. After the championship game, everyone traveled to

the football field to watch the Powerpuff Football. All of the girls played hard, but in the end, only the seniors and juniors made it to the championship game. The seniors came out victorious.

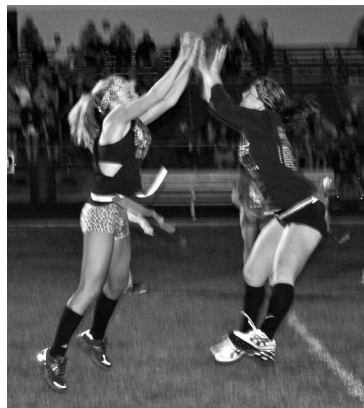
The coronation took place in the gym on Friday during the pep rally. Last year's Homecoming queen, Heidi Behnkendorf, was present but the Homecoming king, Chad Rutledge, was unable to attend due to previous track plans. During the pep rally, the cheerleaders got the students and staff pumped for the game. There were also some *Minute to Win It* games that went on and the seniors took their victory with the games. The students who won the games received a farmed themed t-shirt donated by Pioneer. The students donated money all week to see which teacher would have to kiss a pig and Mrs. TerHark had the lucky honor of doing so. Finally the 2010 Homecoming King and Queen were crowned with Katie Connick and Jeff Burtnett being the Homecoming Royalty.

The Algona High School students spent a lot of time and effort while working on the floats and hallways. The halls were judged and the juniors came out with first with the

sophomores getting second. The seniors got third and the freshmen ended up in fourth. Floats of all kinds, including the class floats, were in the Homecoming parade. For the float contest, the freshmen earned 1st place with the sophomores getting second. The seniors got 3rd

and the juniors ended up in 4th place.

Throughout the whole week of Homecoming, many of the AHS students had a blast with the farmer theme. "It was fun," commented Ali Grein.



Left: Ashley Norland and Megan Gerhardt congratulate each other after a good play in powderpuff football.

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Below: Ryan McMahon, Cane Arrowood, Connor McGuire, Michael McMahon, Jeff Burtnett, Katie Connick, Morgan Coleman, Allie Simpson, Kari Simpson, and Laura TerHark pose after the king & queen were announced.



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Left: Allie Simpson performs in the field portion of Band Day.

Below: The Scarlet Regiment Marching Band marches at Band Day.



Photo by John Aboud

Got band?

Alexa Studer

Band Day this year was on Saturday, October 2nd. This festival has been a tradition for 62 years now. The parade started at 12:30 p.m. and the field show started at 5:30 p.m. at the Algona High School football field. Bands were divided by IHSMA classification and competed for trophies in both the parade and field competition. There was also competition for awards for best winds, drum line, auxiliary, drum major, and marching & maneuvering.

Algona performed last in both the parade and field show. Bishop Garrigan came in 1st for class 1A in the field show, Sheldon was 1st

for 2A, and Lemars was 1st in 3A. Algona placed 2nd for 3A. Algona received special awards for Best Auxiliary and Best Marching.

In the trophy sweepstakes, Sheldon placed 1st with 92.92 and AHS placed 2nd with 91.68 percent.

For the parade, middle school winners include West Bend-Mallard in 1A, Emmetsburg in 2A, and Humboldt in 3A. For high school, Bishop Garrigan placed 1st in 1A, Sheldon was the winner in 2A, and class 3A winner was Charles City. AHS placed 4th in 3A with 78.4 percent. Good job band students!

Regional Symposium

Abby Foertsch

Eleven members of the AHS Model UN team traveled to NIACC last Wednesday, September 29th, to attend the Iowa Youth Symposium Regional Conference. Other schools at the Symposium included Clear Lake, Mason City, and RRMR. They debated four current issues and wrote position papers. The issues addressed this year include hate crimes against cultural minorities, distribution and access to fresh water, rights of indigenous peoples, and forms of financing debt. The position papers will be used at the Iowa Youth Symposium later in October.

At the end of the day, a few AHS students were named as Outstanding Delegates. Those students were Morgan Coleman, Connor McGuire, Maddie Gisch, Nick Bitz, and Elijah Banwart. Breanna Johnson was chosen as Outstanding

Alternate. When asked about how he feels to be named an Outstanding Delegate, Connor McGuire said he was happy that he was chosen.

These Outstanding Delegates will attend the Pre-Plenary Session of the Iowa Youth Symposium with advisor Mrs. Hanson. The Pre-Plenary Session is on October 19th in Des Moines, at the Iowa State Capitol. Other students who will attend the full Plenary Session of the Symposium on October 20th are Blair Bradley, Alex Harms, Jonathan Wichtendahl, Derek Mawdsley, and Ray Chihak.

After the Symposium in October, the topics will be presented to Governor Culver and forwarded to the U.S. delegations to the United Nations.



Above: The Model UN students pose while at the Iowa Youth Symposium Regional Conference. Back Row: Derek Mawdsley, Nick Bitz, Connor McGuire, Blair Bradley, Alex Harms, Elijah Banwart; Front Row: Ray Chihak, Maddie Gisch, Morgan Coleman, Breanna Johnson, Jonathan Wichtendahl

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Just keep swimming Be a racer, not a

Courtney Pityer

Last week, on September 30th, 2010, the Algona Girls Swim Team traveled to Storm Lake for a double duel with Spencer and Storm Lake. The team split on the day, dropping to Spencer 17-77 and beating Storm Lake with a score of 48-45.

Against Spencer, the 200 Free Relay team of Missy Zadow, Amber Schacherer, Alyssa Williams, and Hannah Priest finished 2nd with a time of 1:57:98; the best time of the season. Hannah Priest set the team record with a time of 1:01:65 while finishing 2nd.

Against Storm Lake, Missy Zadow was 1st in the breaststroke. Nicole Kenne

was 1st in the 500 Free Style and Amber Schacherer was also 1st in the 100 Fly. 2nd place finishes went to Mackenzie Wilson in the 100 Fly, Alyssa Williams in the 100 Backstroke, Emma Plathe in the 50 Free Style, 200 Medley Relay, and the 400 Free Relay teams.

"Overall it was a good night for us against Spencer as we scored points on them and have closed the times with them since our last meeting," said Coach Fisher

The team is now 4-4 on the season in duels. Their next meet is at Spencer on October 11, 2010, for a rematch against Spencer and Storm Lake.

pacer!

Brittany Vaske

The AHS Cross Country team headed to Eagle Grove on Tuesday, October 5, for another NCC meet. The runners competed against Spencer, Clear Lake, Forest City, Humboldt, Hampton-Dumont, Estherville LC, Garner-Hayfield, Gilbert, Iowa Falls, and North Iowa. The girls finished 5th with 129 points and the boys took 3rd with 92 points. Garner-Hayfield took 1st in both the girls and boys races.

Top runners for the girls' team include a 5th place finish by Allana Lauck with a time of 15:51. Kyle Klepper finished 29th in 17:28 and Katie Connick ran 17:43 which took 33rd. Sarah Bierle was the top runner in the JV race, taking 6th.

Once again Ryan McMahon was the top

finisher for the boys Cross Country team with a time 15:45, taking 1st place. Other top competitors in the race were Johnny Aboud taking 11th and Joe Schattschneider coming in 14th. In the JV race, Mason Altman came in 2nd and Nathan Schmidt took 36th.

Coach Ahlers stated, "I thought both teams competed well. They finished very high considering we didn't run all our varsity runners." Due to the upcoming NCC meet, Ahlers wanted to save some runners in Eagle Grove in order to keep them healthy.

Next up for the Bulldog runners is the NCC meet on October 12th, in Clarion-Goldfield. Good luck runners and remember, be a racer, not a pacer!



Above: Michaela Christian is ready to start her race.



Right: Tangy Wiseman chases her opponents.



Left: Johnny Aboud runs to the finish line.

Photos by John Aboud

Caught in the Act

Macie Foster

Algona High School's fall play is called *Caught in the Act*. It's a play within a play. The play involves a group of characters getting ready to perform a play but is very unfocused.

The director is trying to put the play together but keeps running into problems. First the theater is trying to be sold, there's a murderer on the loose, and there's confusion about a backer coming to the

production. In time, all the problems are resolved, and the play goes on.

Opening night will be at 7:30 P.M. November 4th in the O.B. Laing Middle School auditorium. The second show will be at 7:30 P.M. on November 6th in the O.B. Laing Middle School auditorium also. Tickets are \$5.00 each, for any age, and they will be on sale at Premier starting on October 20th.

CAST LIST:

BRADEN MENKE: MYRON
MIKAYLA TORPY: LUCY
MORGAN COLEMAN: GRACIE
KRYSTINA DIGGINS: CALI
SCOTT HAAS: CHUCK
BREANNA JOHNSON: HELEN
SHELBI SCHADENDORF: MARJORIE
MADI JENNINGS: SYLVIA
NICOLE KENNE: JAN
CAMERON LAHNDORF: FREDDIE
TOMMY CHRISTIAN: ACE
ABBIE ATKINSON: DENA
BETHANY LADDUSAW: PAGE
JOANNA WILSON: MADGE
COURTNEY SCHMITT: DARLA
NICK BITZ: SERGEANT HAWKE
DAN HAACK: MR. LATTIMER
MOVERS:
BRIANNA MILLER
KAELI DAVIS
MAX HUFF
KEVIN BLAHA-POLSON
BAILEE SCHULTZ
SOPHIA KADUCE
CHYAN METZGER

Death...

August Thronsdon

On Sunday, September 27th, 2010, on A10 in Brandenburg near Berlin, Germany, 13 Polish tourists were killed and 29 were injured, 17 of them severely injured.

A woman driving a Mercedes with a German license plate skid and hit a Pol-Bus tour bus, sending the bus into an overpass pillar. The bus was carrying a total of 49 Poles. They were all on their way back from vacation in Spain.

Almost 400 officers were called to the scene to assist in the rescue that lasted 10 hours. The owner

of Pol-Bus said that the bus was roadworthy and the driver was experienced. The owner also went on to say, "If there had been a chance to avoid this tragic accident, I'm sure he would have taken appropriate action."

All of this commotion overseas has to make everybody stop and think around here about being more careful, especially with all the tractors running. Everybody needs to watch out for everybody else to avoid a tragedy. If that happened, everyone would be a little safer.

Buried alive

Courtney Schneider

Continuing on with the most haunted places in Kossuth County, this one is right outside of Algona. There is a big graveyard north of town with a smaller sized grave yard fenced off in the back. This cemetery is known as Gypsy Grave Yard.

To get to this haunted place, you go past Smith Lake and take a left. The graveyard will be to your right. The road will go from pavement to gravel.

People have said

that in the 1800s, when the Gypsy wagon trains would go through and someone was sick and dying, they would bury them alive out there. They were buried alive so that the sickness they had wouldn't kill off more people. Many ghosts have been claimed to be seen.

It is said that if you cross the small fence and walk on the hollowed ground, you will be cursed.

If you're looking for a good Halloween scare, go check it out.

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Ew germs!

Richie Baxter

Mrs. Bormann's Skills for Living class started a pathogen lab earlier this year. A pathogen is an infectious, disease-producing agent. The lab was done so that students can be more aware of surfaces that could be covered with many different types of bacteria.

Different locations in the school were assigned to groups of students from the class. The students were to take a cotton swab and wipe the surfaces that they thought held a lot of bacteria. After that, the cotton swab would be wiped in a blood agar tray and would sit for a few weeks, letting bacteria grow in the trays.

There were many different ideas on what

touchable surfaces would collect the most bacteria. Different ideas included the sign-out pen in the office, the auto room floor, and the weights in the weight room.

The dirtiest surface that was swabbed ended up being the auto room floor. Some of the pathogens found on the floor there were campylobacter jejuni bacteria, salmonella, and staphylococcus. Cody King says, "I never knew the floor was so dirty."

There are many different posters hanging around the school giving information about different bacteria and graphs showing what surfaces you may want to think twice about touching.

Fried food and candy!

Katie Green

The week of September 27th, Mrs. Bormann's Food and Nutrition II class experimented with microwave cooking and deep fat frying foods. On Monday, Mrs. Bormann showed the different cookware used for microwave cooking and how to operate the fryer. They spent the next day planning on what to make for the rest of the week. The six groups chose recipes ranging from casseroles to cookie bars and cakes. The fried food day was by far a favorite day. One group made fried chicken and another made chicken nuggets. The finished products looked and tasted great.

The week of October 4th, the Food and Nutrition II class made candies. The Chocolate Season owner, Erica Jensen, came to the class and taught them how to prepare candy treats. She made a sample of dark chocolate ganache for the class to try. She also prepared chocolate treats with designs on them. The groups can chose to make anything with chocolate such as chocolate covered fruits or bark. Some groups chose to make chocolate bark with their favorite candies while others chose to dip their favorite fruits in chocolate.



Left: In a *Minute to Win It* game from Homecoming, Weston Shaw tries to tear the toilet paper roll apart while Mr. Cecil works in the background and won!

Right: John Etler, Joey Candelarie, Brittany Vaske, Ashley Norland, and Meridith Heinold pose in their pj's.



Above: Sam Curtis poses for a picture on dress up day.

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First WIN!!!!

Shannon Koestler

The Algona High School Bulldogs took on the Nevada Cubs on Friday, October 1st, at home. The Bulldogs won the game 34-7, making this their first win of the season!

The Bulldogs had 19 first downs against Nevada. Michael McMahon scored three out of the five touchdowns and Cane Arrowood got the other two. Cane Arrowood rushed the ball 166 yards in 16 attempts.

Michael McMahon rushed 153 yards in 33 attempts. Casey Hiscocks also rushed 22 yards in 7 attempts. Blair Bradley completed 22 yards passing.

For their next game, the Algona Bulldogs will be traveling to Ballard Community High School this Friday, October 8th. Ballard has currently won four of their six games this year.

Crushing the competition

Connor Barber

The lady Bulldogs continue their season strong with two more wins. On Thursday, September 30th, they put away the Webster City Lynx in three out of four sets. Also, on Tuesday, October 5th, they defeated the Alta Cyclones in three sets in a non-Conference battle.

Against Webster City, the Dogs fell in the first set after being behind and not able to come back. Set two the ladies came out strong and put the Lynx away. The third set was a good back & forth battle. Algona was down 22-18 with the serve. They stayed strong, confident, and fought back, winning 25-23. Fired up, they took set four to win the match. Brittany Vaske led with 18 kills, Allie Simpson with 13, and Jade Simpson with 12. The final scores were 20-25,

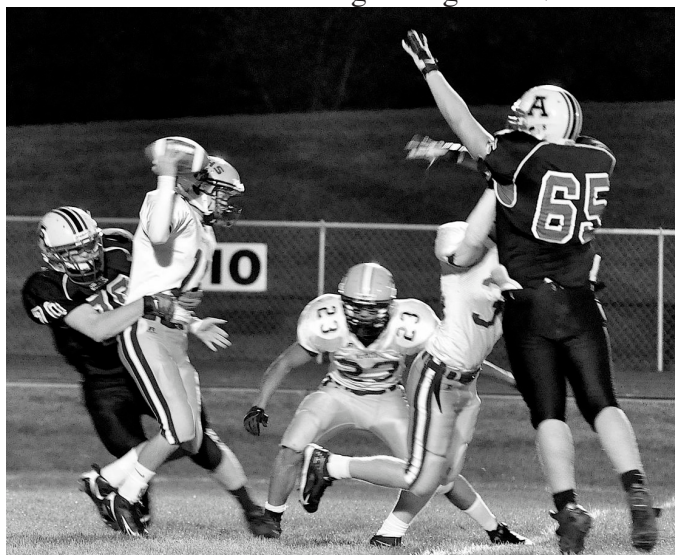
25-14, 25-23, & 25-18. Senior, Carly Sansone, said, "The Lynx were too confident and didn't know how to finish."

The match against Alta was a pink out, raising money to go towards breast cancer research. Going into the match Alta was ranked 2nd in class 1A and the lady Bulldogs were ranked 7th in class 3A. The Dogs came out strong and focused, winning set one 25-18. The second set they took an early lead and won 25-12. Set three they got behind and came back hard, winning 27-25. It was a good chance for everyone on the team to play and get more experience.

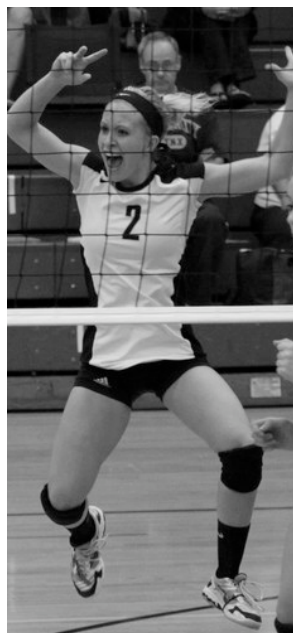
The next match will be played on October 14th at home against Clear Lake. Come support the team and cheer them on.



Above: Ryan McMahon and the football team run on the field for the start of the game against Nevada.



Above: Nick Buchanan goes to block a pass while Alex Smith tackles the quarterback in the game versus Nevada.



Left: Laura TerHark cheers after the teams scores a point.

Photos by Jim Gale